

Sam should be Big Brother, take our money, and invest it in government programs. She defines security by increased Washington spending.

Mr. Speaker, this afternoon at 2 o'clock we will enroll the bill from the legislative branch that offers tax relief and tax fairness for all Americans, reducing the marriage penalty, ending the inheritance tax, working for commonsense policies because, Mr. Speaker, our commonsense conservative majority rejects the politics of envy and fear and embraces the policies of opportunity.

One fundamental truth we understand in this majority, Mr. Speaker, the money belongs to the American people, not to the Washington bureaucrats.

#### THE REPUBLICAN TAX CUT

(Mr. SHOWS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, the Republican tax bill makes no sense. Rather than paying down the trillions of dollars in massive Federal debt, the Republican leadership offers pie in the sky election year tax cuts that will give most Americans nothing but pocket change.

But for years to come, this reckless plan will give all Americans higher interest rates and higher prices for everything we buy every day. Instead of paying down the debt, the Republican bill relies on questionable and partisan projections that their plan might reduce the debt.

We should put our fiscal house in order and pay our bills, just like any family or business would. We must reduce our debt so we can preserve social security and Medicare, benefits which so many Americans depend on. We should pass reasonable tax cuts that help working families and businesses, such as cuts in estate taxes and capital gains and marriage penalty taxes.

Americans want their leaders to lead. They want Congress to do the right thing.

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#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a very special professional organization of which I was a member for a number of years, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary on Friday, September 17: The Frederick County Builders Association.

For 40 years, the Frederick County Builders Association has been a professional organization dedicated to pro-

viding the Frederick community quality building, especially home building. Very simply, they have been building our American dream.

Granted that is their bread and butter, but the Frederick builders also contribute greatly to almost 20 major community charitable endeavors, from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, to the Catoctin Zoo, to the YMCA. They put their professional know-how to good use with their various housing charities like Habitat for Humanity, our local Advocates for the Homeless, and the Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland.

The Frederick County Builders are made up of professionals who care about both their industry and our community, indeed a very special organization.

Happy 40th anniversary.

#### REASONS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD SUPPORT SCIENCE

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about something we do not discuss very much in the House of Congress, and that is our scientific effort in this Nation. I think it is important to point out as we are in the appropriations process some of the reasons why it is important for the Federal Government to support science.

First of all, over half of our economic growth today arises out of scientific research work done within the past 3 to 5 decades, over half of our economic growth just from that source alone. We are very pleased with our good economy. Let us recognize what the cause is and make sure we continue that effort.

Secondly, our scientific research results in a great improvement of the quality of life in this Nation, not just in all the good things we enjoy every day of our lives in various ways, but, for example, health care. Some of the major devices and methods used in improved health care today arise out of research that was taking place when I was a graduate student 40 years ago. That involves for example MRI, magnetic resonance imaging, the use of lasers in surgery, and other purposes, straight out of the laboratories of the times when I was in grad school.

It is imperative that we continue to support that research. Yet, when we passed the appropriation bill last week, we cut NASA by \$2 billion. We cut the National Science Foundation. Earlier, we cut the Department of Energy research program. We cannot do that.

As we proceed through the appropriations process, let us make sure that that money is restored, that we continue our research effort, and that we continue to provide the knowledge, the goods and services, and economic growth that we want in this country.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 1059, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 288 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 288

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1059) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Yesterday the Committee on Rules met and granted a normal conference report rule for S. 1059, the Fiscal Year 2000 Department of Defense Appropriations Act. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. In addition, the rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. Speaker, this should not be a controversial rule. It is the type of rule that we grant for every conference report we consider in the House. The conference report itself is a strong step forward as we work to take care of our military personnel and provide for our national defense.

I have always admired the patriotism and dedication of the young men and women in the armed forces, especially given the poor quality of life that our enlisted men and women face. But today, we are doing something to improve military pay, housing, and benefits.

It has always been kind of sad, we ask these young people to technically give up their life for their country, but yet we really have not treated them in the way that most of us would like to be treated. Their pay has not been good. They live in housing that has been virtually World War II almost, substandard housing in some cases. A lot of them have had to take second jobs just to exist because they are married and they cannot make it on their pay.

So we are helping to take some of this load off of them, and we are helping to take some of them off of food stamps with this bill by giving them a